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SUBJECT: LIBYAN CLAIM TO GULF OF SIRTE

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1. UK OPENED NOVEMBER 20 POLADS DISCUSSION OF ALLIED RESPONSES TO LARG CLAIM OF GULF OF SIRTE BY STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF TIMING ALLIED DEMARCHES SO AS TO PRECEDE SCHEDULED DECEMBER 3 OPENING OF PREPARATORY SESSION OF LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. ITALIAN REP SUPPORTED.

2. CONCERNING SPECIFIC CHANGES U.S. HAD SUGGESTED PER REF B IN TEXT OF UK DRAFT NOT (REF C), UK ACCEPTED "STANDARD BASE LINE" TO REPLACE "COAST," AND "303" (VICE "OVER 300") TO REPLACE "271."

3. GREEK, FRENCH AND TURKISH REPS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD ANSWER LIBYAN NOTES AT TIMES YET TO BE DETERMINED. THEY WOULD RESERVE RIGHTS, BUT MAKE NO FORMAL PROTEST. U.S. REP DREW UPON REF A TO EFFECT TEXT AND TIMING OF U.S. NOTE NOT YET AVAILABLE. NORWEGIAN, FRG AND NETHERLANDS REPS SAID THAT IN VIEW OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT TAKE EARLY ACTION TO SEND NOTES RESERVING POSITIONS. DANISH REP THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO DELAY ANY ACTION  
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5. UK AND ITALIAN REPS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER POSITIONS OF OTHER ALLIES. UK REP SAID IF ALLIES WAITED FOR OPPORTUNE TIMES TO MAKE DEMARCHES, RIGHT TIMES WOULD NEVER COME. ITALIAN REP CHARACTERIZED DAY'S DISCUSSION AS "BACKWARD STEP." AGREEING

WITH ITALIAN, UK REP SAID HMG MIGHT NOW TAKE EARLY ACTION.  
6. ITEM WILL BE ON POLADS' AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 27, AT WHICH  
TIME WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RELAY U.S. DECISIONS REGARDING  
TEXT AND TIMING OF U.S. NOTE.  
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